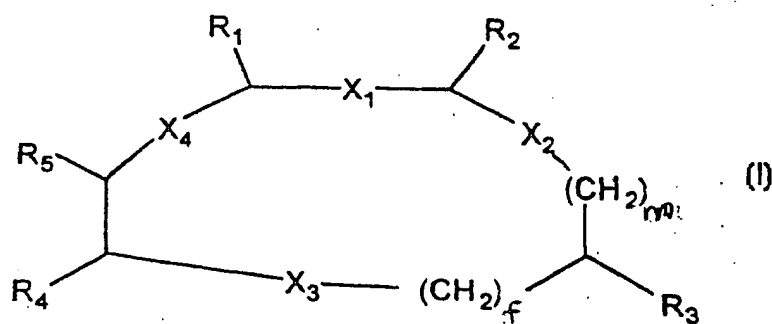
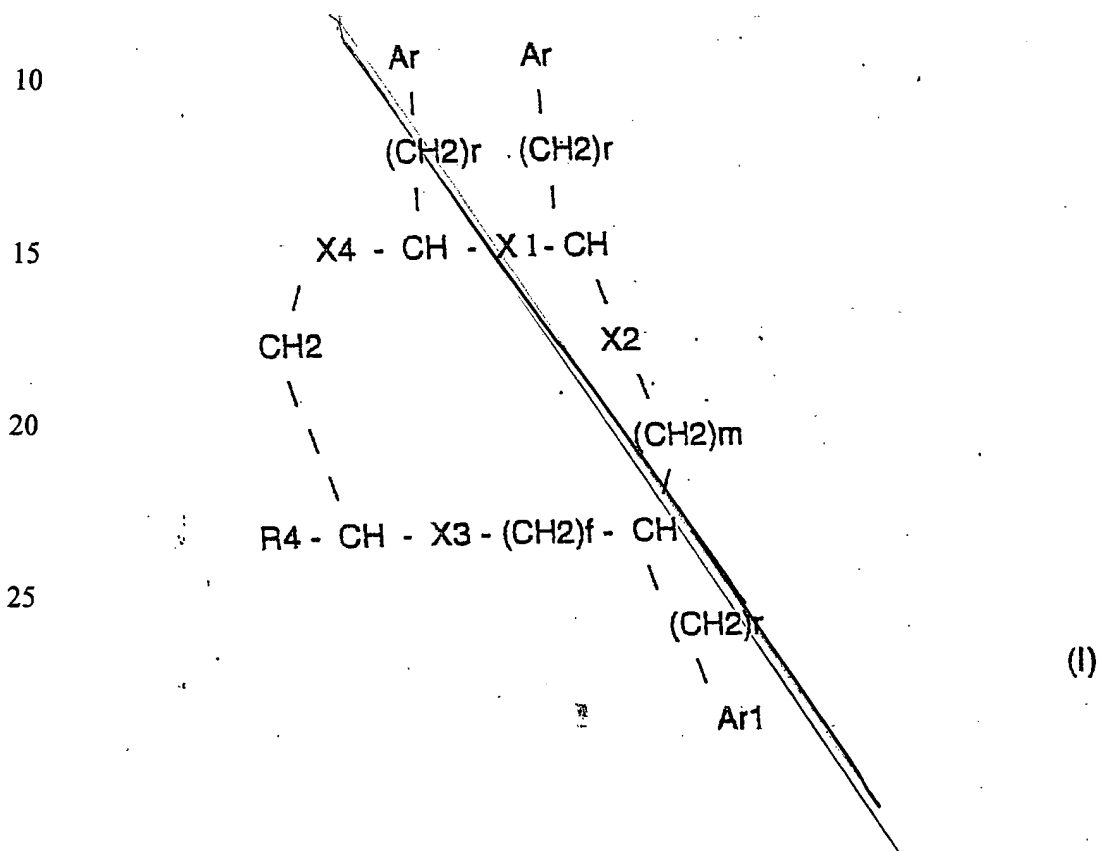


In response to the Office Action of April 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

5 Page 1, structural formula:



IN THE SPECIFICATION (Continued)

On page 1, line 29-32 to page 1a, line 2:

5         $-(CH_2)_r Ar_r$  where  $r$  is 0, 1 or 2 and  $Ar_r$  is an aromatic group chosen among: benzene, naphthalene, thiophene, benzothiophene, pyridine, quinoline, indole, furan, benzofuran, thiazole, benzothiazole, imidazole, benzoimidazole, possibly substituted with up to 2 groups chosen among:  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-3}$  haloalkyl,  $C_{1-3}$  alkyloxy and  $C_{2-4}$  amino-alkyloxy, halogens, OH,  $NH_2$ ,  $NR_6 R_7$ , where  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are the same or different and are H or  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl.

10      d) on page 2, lines 2-12:

$R_9$  is a methanesulfonyl, tosyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl possible mono or di-substituted by oxygen on the S atom, piperidyl possibly optionally substituted on the N atom by a  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-3}$  acyl, aminosulfonyl, methanesulfonyl; or a group  $(CH_2)_g R_{10}$  where  $g$  is 1, 2, or 3 and  $R_{10}$  is chosen among morpholine, furan, or CN; or  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  together with the N atom to which they are  
15      linked form a piperazine possibly optionally substituted at the other N atom ~~one of its nitrogen atoms~~ by  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-3}$  acyl or methanesulfonyl;

g and h) on page 5, lines 15-16:

$R_9$  is a group chosen among: 4-tetrahydropyranyl, ~~4-tetraiodothiopyranyl~~  
20      4-tetrahydrothiopyranyl, ~~1-oxotetraiodothiopyran-4-yl~~ 1-oxotetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl,  
1,1 dioxo-tetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl, N-methyl-4-piperidinyl,  
N-methanesulfonyl-4-piperidinyl, N-aminosulfonyl-4-piperidinyl, or  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  together with the N atom to which they are linked represent N-methyl-piperazinyl, N-acetyl-piperazinyl, piperazinyl, N-methanesulfonyl-piperazinyl.

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